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SUBJ: PRO-MPLA MEETING SUPPRESSED BY GOP

SUMMARY: ONE KILLED AND SEVERAL HURT WHEN POLICE BROKE  
UP PREVIOUSLY PROHIBITED PRO-MPLA DEMONSTRATION.

1. A PRO-MPLA MEETING HAD BEEN SCHEDULED AT SPORTS  
PAVILLION IN DOWNTOWN LISBON FOR EVENING OF AUGUST 14.  
PROVISIONAL GOVT AND ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF ANNOUNCED  
VIA RADIO, TELEVISION AND EVENING PRESS THAT MEETING  
WAS BANNED BECAUSE QUOTE IN THE PRESENT POLITICO-MILITARY  
SITUATION, THIS MEETING WOULD BE VERY INOPPORTUNE FOR THE  
NORMAL CARRYING OUT OF POLITICAL ACTS RELATIVE TO THE  
INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA UNQUOTE.

2. DESPITE THE PROHIBITION, SEVERAL HUNDRED PEOPLE

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MARCHED DOWN LIBERDADE TO THE ROSSIO AFTER BEING PREVENTED

BY THE PUBLIC SECURITY POLICE (PSP) AND THE MILITARY POLICE FROM GATHERING AT THE PAVILLION. POLICE BROKE UP THE GROUP IN THE ROSSIO, BUT AFTER MIDNIGHT, SMALL GATHERING OF DEMONSTRATORS STARTED THROWING ROCKS AT A PSP UNIT, WHICH RETALIATED BY OPENING FIRE, RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF A FIREMAN (WHO MAY HAVE BEEN A BYSTANDER) AND THE WOUNDING OF A GERMAN TOURIST. VARIOUS OTHER DEMONSTRATORS AND TWO JOURNALISTS ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED AS A RESULT OF POLICE ACTIVITIES IN BREAKING UP THE DEMONSTRATION.

COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST DEATH CAUSED BY SECURITY FORCES SINCE APRIL 25. CIRCUMSTANCES, AT LEAST AS REPORTED BY PRESS, WOULD HARDLY SEEM TO JUSTIFY THE KILLING. TWO MORNING PAPERS CARRIED LAST MINUTE STRAIGHT-FORWARD FACTUAL ACCOUNT OF INCIDENT.  
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